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Local family remembers son's deployment to Afghanistan

CHRIS DROST
County Life Staff

Pete McKenzie of Cardiff stands in dress uniform. McKenzie was deployed to Afghanistan in the fall of 2008 and returned in late July of 2009. He also spent time in the desert in Kuwait./ Photo – Courtesy of Pete McKenzie

The mission

When Canada sent troops to Afghanistan between 2001 and 2014, it was the largest military deployment for Canada since the Second World War. So now, on Remembrance Day, our thoughts turn to those who participated in the effort, and those families who waited patiently at home.

The Afghanistan operation was part of the NATO International Security Assistance Force that sprang into effect following the Sept. 11, 2001 attack by terrorists in the United States. The goal was to help build Afghanistan, into a viable country with better governance, a stable and safe place, rather than a haven for terrorists. More than 40,000 Canadians served between 2001 and 2014.

During the time that Canadian troops spent in Afghanistan they assisted in improving diplomacy, human rights and development. During those years, 158 Canadians died, plus a further 22 in non-combat roles.

In 2021, after 20 years, the Islamic Republic was overthrown and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan was re-established under the Taliban.

The family remembers

For local family, Cameron and Sharon McKenzie of Cardiff, the period during which their son Pete was deployed to Afghanistan, was a difficult one.

"We expected it," is what Pete's father, Cameron, had to say when asked what his reaction was when his son told him he was being deployed to Afghanistan. Pete had been in the military for about a year and a half at the time. He was deployed in October 2008 and returned home in late July 2009. He served in a support role as a communications specialist in the Canadian Forces Joint Signals Regiment in Kandahar.

When the time came for Pete to deploy, his father remembers first going to Kingston where his son lived to see him off onto a bus that travelled to Trenton for his flight. "After the bus left, we went to Trenton and sat at the end of the runway until his flight took off," explained Cameron, with obvious emotion.

"Even though Pete was a signals operator, working with radio and computer stuff, there was nowhere to be safe as there were random attacks on an ongoing basis. Everyone stationed there, even in support roles, had to be armed at all times," said Cameron.

"It was a war in our living rooms. During the Second World War, troops had to rely on letters to communicate with family. We were able to talk with Pete about once a month, and he spoke to his wife and children every couple of weeks," Cameron added. Soldiers were assigned a slot when they could phone home.

At Christmas 2008, Pete was home for a visit but was expected to return overseas on Christmas Day. According to Cameron, it happened that there was a major snowstorm in Toronto and the airport was shut down. "There were 40,000 disappointed travellers in Toronto and one very happy one in Kingston, whose flight to Toronto was cancelled. Pete got to stay for an extra day."

When Pete was serving in Kandahar, Cameron and family made the decision not to tell Pete's grandmother that he had been sent to Afghanistan. "She was living in a home and was such a worrier. We talked as a family and decided it would be best not to tell her." Even after Pete returned home, he did not tell his grandmother. Then, one day, a minister who used to visit his grandmother about once each month, noticed a photo in her room of Pete in uniform with his Afghanistan medal. "At that point we had to fess up, but in the end, she agreed that it would not have been good for her to know," said Cameron.

"If a Canadian soldier was injured or worse, there would be a communications lockdown. This meant that no one could call and let someone else know about the incident until the military had an opportunity to inform

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An officer shakes Pete McKenzie's hand and wishes him well when he was first deployed to Afghanistan in 2008.

McKenzie poses in front of a Royal Airforce Apache helicopter AH-64 during a tour of their equipment. /Photos courtesy of Pete McKenzie

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the family first," explained Cameron.

With Tim Hortons opening a location in Kandahar, the Canadian troops had a little bit of Canadian culture with them. Pete especially enjoyed this as he had worked previously as a baker at the Tim Hortons in Bancroft. It was apparently popular with Canadians and troops from other countries.

"I don't think anyone would look back and say the mission wasn't valid, but, unfortunately, the radicals are back in, and it is the way it was before. We don't want to think we went for nothing. The other thing is that soldiers do as they are told. That is their job," said Cameron.

"I used to worry about him [Pete] travelling back and forth. He was just a rural boy. When he was young and out partying, I would tell him to just call your dad, and I will come and get you. You couldn't do that when he was overseas."

"We are very proud of our soldier son. My grandson, [Pete's son], just started Army Cadets this fall in Haliburton. Cadets, the best youth program in Canada," said Cameron.

From Pete's perspective

Pete has an inside take on his deployment to Afghanistan. "People remember Afghanistan and tell me what a shame it went for nought," said Pete.

"When you do something for awhile, it changes your values. Some things don't bother me that would bother others," he explained.

Pete also served in Kuwait as part of a supporting role against ISIS. "My unit was loaned to the Royal Canadian Airforce," said Pete.

On returning home from Kuwait, Pete made the decision in 2016 to leave the military. He was officially released on Nov. 7 of that year.

"It has been difficult getting back to civilian life to different degrees," said Pete. He is still residing in Cardiff but works for a company that does aviation upgrades in Peterborough. Fortunately, he returned with no lasting mental or physical issues.

"My dad got me into reading about the Second World War. I see that one of the books he gave me was signed by the last person in the North African conflict who died earlier this year."

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Highlands support veterans

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 is leading an enthusiastic Poppy Campaign this year to support local veterans. This past year, the legion donated $10,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) for IV Pumps, as well as $5000 towards post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) Service Dogs. Poppies will be available from veterans and cadets around Haliburton County leading up to Remembrance Day. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

A table is set every year at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 to honour the fallen soldiers. It includes symbolism such as a white table cloth to represent the purity of the soldiers intentions to their country, salt on the plates to represent the tears of their families, a single rose to represent the blood they had shed, and the empty chairs to represent that they are gone.

Community comes together to support veterans

VIVIAN COLLINGS
County Life Editor

There was no reason for Kevin Dunlop, a Haliburton Home Hardware employee, to stop to think about a display idea for the front entrance of the store when he was tasked to decorate it for November.

He instantly knew that he needed to collect items from Haliburton Legion Branch 129 to create a Remembrance Day display.

"When it was my turn to do November, I asked [his employers], 'I feel energy for this, can I do this project?' and they said, 'Yes, run with it,'" Dunlop said.

Dunlop's exhibit far exceeded expectations.

The display features a wall of photographs of local veterans, a manequin wearing a uniform and gas mask from the First World War, burlap to simulate a trench, and chairs around a hearth to represent the Home Front.

"With this side of the display, I was trying to say that families were at home, living a nice, warm, comfortable life, and then they heard on the radio that there was a storm brewing, far away. A storm of bullets," Dunlop said. "Soldiers decided that they would get up out of their warm, comfortable home and go out into the cold and out into the dark as a team of heroes to push the bullies back."

He also designed the left side of the display to be a place for those selling poppies for the poppy campaign to sit during their shift.

The response, he said, has been overwhelming.

"One soldier's parents came in and couldn't say enough."

Derrick Moore, co-vice president and sergeant at arms for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, said the display has inspired members of the legion.

He said the photos of veterans makes the display personal to Haliburton County.

"Most of these photos are of local people, and lots of people recognize them when they come in and would have stories of knowing these veterans," Moore said.

Nick Bryant, a member of Haliburton Legion Branch 129 and is a Canadian military veteran who served 47 years as a weapons technician, also highlighted the importance of thinking of those who had to wait at home for their loved ones.

"I joined in 1969. I was a weapons technician and I served in Petawawa, London, I went to Cypress. I was in Germany for five years, of which I had a marvellous time, and then I went to Winnipeg and retired out of Ottawa and went to work for a national reserves council which supports the military," Bryant said. "It's a job, and it was a good job. It suited me. My mom? Not so much."

He said most of his time in the military was peaceful, but that many others and their loved ones are not as lucky.

Importance of the Poppy Campaign

Bryant retired in 1995 and moved to Haliburton permanently shortly after.

"My wife had been coming up here since she was a little girl, and she brought me up here in 1985 and couldn't get rid of me," he laughed.

Bryant is close with many other veterans in the area.

He volunteers for the poppy campaign in Haliburton each year, because he has seen how it helps those who served Canada in a military setting.

"All of the donations that we get from poppies go towards supporting veterans in the local area and in the extended area," he said. "We have a lot of veterans that are struggling; physically, mentally, financially, and occasionally they come to us and are looking for help. Hopefully, we're there to help them when they need it."

He said over the years, the Poppy Campaign has been able to ease some of life's difficulties for veterans.

The Poppy Campaign runs until Remembrance Day on Friday, Nov. 11.

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Remembrance Day services

Exploring local stories

Kenneth J. Brown of Toronto was a long-time cottager in the Minden area, and his story is shared at the Minden Legion. He was a Second World War veteran, and he served throughout Europe in the Royal Canadian Army Combat Engineers. His unit landed on Juno Beach during the 1944 D-Day invasion. For years, he contributed to the Minden Times as a satirical political writer, and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 in Minden. To learn more stories about local veterans, check out your local legion branch, or explore the website www.poppystories.ca. /Photo courtesy of Minden Legion Branch 636

Haliburton Legion:

Friday, November 11

9:30 a.m.

Short pre-service is being held by the Legion's padre, Gary Swagerman, in the main hall at the legion

10 a.m. (post service)

Sponsors to pick up their wreath if walking in the parade, otherwise wreath will be at Cenotaph

10:30 am

Parade from the Haliburton Legion to the Cenotaph at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m. Cenotaph program

12 p.m. Light refreshments in the Legion's main hall.

Any person or organization wishing to lay a Remembrance Day wreath, please contact the branch at 705-457-2571. Cost to sponsor a wreath is $35 (no name) or $50 (name on wreath). Note, this year we are offering sponsors the option to walk in the parade with their wreath, or your wreath will be at the Cenotaph

Minden Legion:

The Service will commence at 10:45 a.m. with the Act of Remembrance and reading of the County Honour Roll at 11 a.m. followed by the Wreath Laying ceremony and closing remarks.

Wilberforce Legion:

The service will commence Friday, Nov. 11 at the Cenotaph at approximately 10:45 a.m.

There will be a hot lunch provided at the Branch after the service.

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Service at the cenotaph on Friday Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

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Service at the cenotaph on Friday Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

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How do you remember?

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

IT'S BEEN 104 years since the First World War drew to a close in the autumn of 1918, the end of hostilities paving the way for the Remembrance Day ceremonies we know today. The war had impacted lives across the globe, not only among those who had served, but those on the home front, too. Many had lost loved ones, and even in the cases where veterans did return home, many of them were forever changed, often in ways that they never spoke about and perhaps to which they couldn't even put words. It had been "the war to end all wars," but, as we all know, just over two decades later, a second war brought changes for people throughout the world yet again.

As the years move by, I know that many people find an increasing distance from the events of both World Wars. The scale is simply more than we can really comprehend, and it seems like such a different world. One of the best ways to connect with these momentous events is to look at them at the most individual human level. Walking past the local cenotaphs, people are often struck by the surnames on them – surnames which are shared with many local residents today. For me, looking at photos of those who served also helps to bring them back to life. A group of young men who trained with the 109th Battalion posed for a series of photos in the village before heading overseas. Some of them appear stoic, while others display a bit of bravado. Some seem to show an understandable trepidation. Every single one has a story, a story connected to the many other lives they also touched.

Another way to connect is to look at your own family history. At this time of year, I often find myself thinking of my great-uncle, who lied about his age in order to join the air force during the Second World War. He was the baby of the family and the only boy, so I imagine his four older sisters and my great-grandmother must have had many sleepless nights while he was serving. In the closing months of the war, when my grandmother gave birth to my mother, she chose to pay tribute to her little brother with the choice of my mother's middle name. Luckily, it was a tribute he had the chance to enjoy, as he did come home, though the war did leave some impacts on his health later in life. Still, my grandmother must have felt such relief when she took photos of her brother and her young daughter, photos which still sit in a family album today and which bring a smile to my face whenever I look at them.

After two years of scaled back Remembrance Day ceremonies, I really hope that, if possible, you'll make plans to attend a ceremony this year. If that's not an option, try to find your own way to connect and remember in the days leading up to Nov. 11, perhaps by visiting a cenotaph, wearing a poppy, stopping by your local museum or delving into your own family's stories. Though many years have elapsed since the end of the First and Second World Wars, the impacts of conflicts around the world are still being felt today, so take time to remember, to learn and to think about how we can make the future brighter. Lest we forget.

Top 10 things you'll probably regret in 20 years

IN SOME ways, the next 20 years is going to be exciting. But in other ways, it's going to be a bit of a disappointment. This will primarily be due to a few bad choices you made along the way. With that in mind, here are the top 10 bad choices you'll regret in 20 years.

1. Investing heavily in iceberg futures.
2. Telling any joke that seems totally harmless now.
3. Not writing down the reason you were biding your time.
4. Choosing to play lead bassoon.
5. Never trying to get time off for good behaviour.
6. Giving away all your things because you were certain the world would end in 2042.
7. Financially supporting a scientific project to bring back the T-Rex for pet owners.
8. Going with the wooden teeth.
9. Forgetting about the whole Karma thing.
10. Telling your partner, "I know it's expensive, but this is the last fishing rod I'll ever need."

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Light into dark

Chills throw a wedding, confetti of leaves
November, though autumn, bewitches, deceives
Sooner than later white gown will appear
To smother the landscape full into new year

At first the snow visits and plays with the trees
Makes patterns and webs, little jigs on a breeze
It perches in lashes, tastes steely on tongue
Fresh holiday notions now tickle the young

Elders see beauty, but fret at it too
Winter gets slippery, pricey and blue
Those in the north watch the months tiptoe by
Till the old sun puts the heat back in sky

It's time, says a squirrel, to scurry and prep
Provisions for storage, put shovel on step
Black branches - sharp fingers - scratch harder tonight
Like nails on a blackboard, frost warns it might bite

The juncos and chickadees, nuthatches, jays
Seem hungry at suet: long feeds, shorter days
At sleep-time they shiver, soft feathers and fluff
In hopes their own warmth overnight is enough

When cold season shadows stretch blue over ground
And dreams change to loneliness, music, to sound
As colours drain slowly from shocking to stark
All life braves its shift from the light into dark

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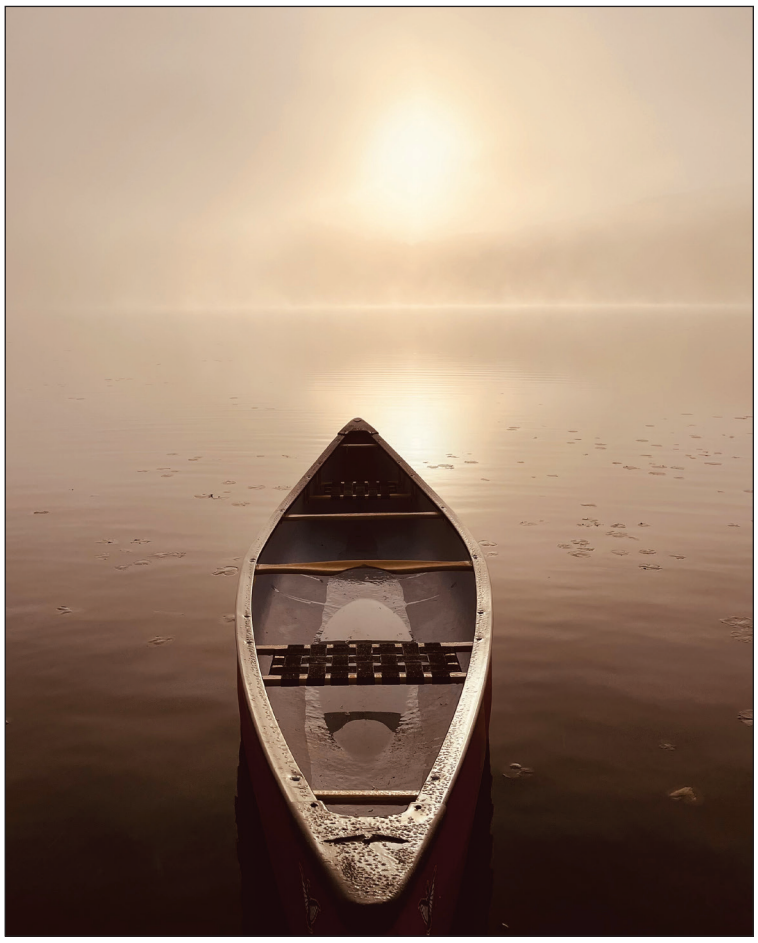

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Wind splintering the limbs of trees,
clinging to their trunks by shreds,
puddles of leaves bleeding on the
side of the road,
their branches severed from
their trees,
as Air holds its Breath in the
aftermath of the storm,
the fury of Wind, as the hills and
forest slept, rampaging through the
maples and birches and pines,
retreating by morning, as stillness
swathes their branches again.
I gawk at all the carnage as I walk,
birch bones flung across the road,
maple leaves crumpled in heaps, pine
branches greening the ground,
the sound of a crimson leaf landing on
the gravel, puncturing the silence Wind
leaves behind.
My Heart hiccups in my chest, as
I pass tree after tree, peering at the
wounds scarring their trunks,
bending down to remove a pine
branch from the road, resin sticking to
my fingers,
the fragrance lingering on my skin as
I walk, pieces of tree, clinging to me,
as I approach the entrance to the trail,
a dangling birch limb blocking the path.
My feet remain rooted to the ground,
uncertain what to do, the limb, too
heavy to move,
still attached to its trunk, by a few
splinters of pulp.
For a long while I stare up at the
maimed tree, wondering whether they
feel it the way humans do,
when their flesh is ripped or their
bone is broken, whether their roots
squirm underground,
the birch's remaining branches
appearing sturdy and strong, as I walk
beneath the dangling limb,
crossing the border between forest
and road, winding my way through
mounds of leaves,
veering away from the trail towards
the spot where the tall tall trees grow,
their trunks, thin as flag poles, their
shaggy heads watching over the rest of
the trees,
standing so close together, they form
a wall against Wind when it blows.
I wander amongst them, these guard-
ians of the forest, feeling protected,
tiny as the pine needles that blanket
the forest floor, my eyes climbing along
their trunks,
stretching so high, they graze patches
of Sky, blaring blue above us.
I lean my spine against one of
the pines, its solidness stilling my
thoughts,
that sometimes scatter like leaves in
a storm,
listening to the quiet that cloaks the
fallen leaves,
fingers of light creeping along the
forest floor,
as I linger a while longer, just feeling
my lungs breathe,
inhaling Air, pure and free,
filtered by this family of trees.

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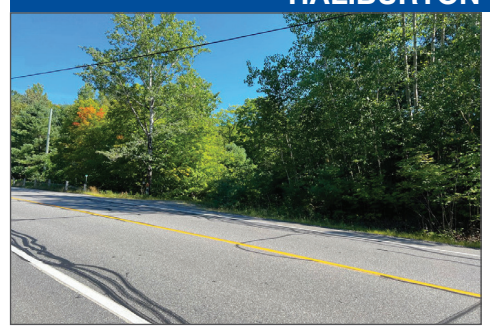

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Early literacy at the library

CHRIS STEPHESON
Special to *County Life*

The staff at Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) are here to support lifelong learning for all community members. However, this starts with our youngest patrons, as we create early literacy programs and services for families all year round. Long before participating in summer reading club, many children are introduced to the public library before the age of 3. Science tells us that between birth and this exciting age, the brain of a child is already developing millions of neural connections each second. An important foundation for learning is built at this time, and the library can play a role during this vital part of childhood.

Step into any public library in Ontario and you should expect to see a dedicated children's area. This may include child-sized furniture, a colourful rug or special chair for Storytime, and a great many picture books. We love to see people people picking out books and reading with children in our branches. Parents, grandparents, and other caregivers are often pleased to discover the selection of books we have for readers of all ages. But, we also encourage songs, play, and group reading initiatives here. The library of 2022 is a busy and sometimes noisy place, depending on when you may choose to visit. Regular Storytimes are a substantial part of the fun.

Meet the Author Storytime at the Haliburton County Public Library Minden branch with author Joanne George was accompanied by her dog, Sunny. /Photo submitted

Storytime helps to foster early literacy skills because it provides parents and caregivers guidance on how they can read, sing, and play with their children. During Storytime, the librarian provides tips and models some best practices. This may be simple, such as a reminder that "books should be fun and accessible! Keep them around your house and in your child's toy box to help associate them with fun."

Singing and rhyming is an important part of the learning process. It develops awareness of sounds and new words, teaching phonics in a fun way before formal schooling begins. We sing at every Storytime! By 6 months, babies are already starting to recognize language in songs and rhymes. The natural rhythm of language becomes apparent, as singing helps us slow down words and sentences. This helps our little ones identify and build their vocabulary.

Reading together builds confidence and is the best way to help children become proficient readers. Did you know that children's books often contain three times more rare words than talking? Repetition and practice are fundamental to increasing those neural pathways and reading offers powerful development.

Constructive play is also a significant way that children can learn language and literacy from a young age. At HCPL we have 'blue blocks,' foam bones, and LEGO for the slightly older kids. These play tools give children an opportunity to make decisions and select shapes, sizes, and colours while communicating what they want to build with peers and adults. You'll often see library staff interacting with children to ask them what they're building. This subtle question-and-answering leads to an increase in the use of oral language, and the choosing of words which is an essential step of early literacy.

The HCPL website, at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca/Programs-events, offers

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a calendar of events which can be filtered for different age groups. Here you'll find programs that engage your young learner, such as the "Let's Build: Blue Blocks & Bones" activity happening during November's school PD Day. There are also LEGO tables set up in some of our branches and if you don't see one available, you can ask us for a LEGO kit when you visit.

If you'd like help selecting an appropriate picture book for a particular learning level, you're always welcome to ask library staff for advice. New books and resources are added to our collection every month. We're thrilled to see kids and their families leaving with a healthy stack of books.

In addition to the many library offerings for young people, we regularly partner with local literacy organizations. These relationships help us expand literacy by bringing expertise to the library which benefits our community. For example, staff from the EarlyON Child & Family Centre regularly run programs within our library branches across the County. They also provide incredible book packs, which have reading materials and activities for young families. The library helps to distribute these free book packs at each of our branches. The newest ones will be available in early November, so please ask our staff about this.

This year we'll start offering bilingual Storytime, too. Our latest partnership with Canadian Parents for French Ontario will assist us in running French Storytimes once a month this fall. Join us on Dec. 3 at the Dysart branch. We'll host it again Jan. 14 and Feb. 11. In the meantime, we're also getting great support and recommendations on how we can build up our French collection throughout the HCPL library system.

Sunny and Violet became friends at the Haliburton County Public Library Minden branch at Meet the Author Storytime in October. /Photo submitted

A unique Storytime occurred in October where we welcomed a very special furry guest named 'Sunny.' This was a fun Meet the Author event, where we featured a book by local author Joanne George.

The public library is here to help support your family for early learning and literacy, and we hope you'll partake with the little people in your life. We recently added colourful new child-sized chairs to the children's reading area at the Dysart branch. And in our other branches you'll find beanbags and cozy tub chairs which can accommodate a big reader and a little reader together. We hope to see you at the library soon!

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Something's Burning by Janet Trull

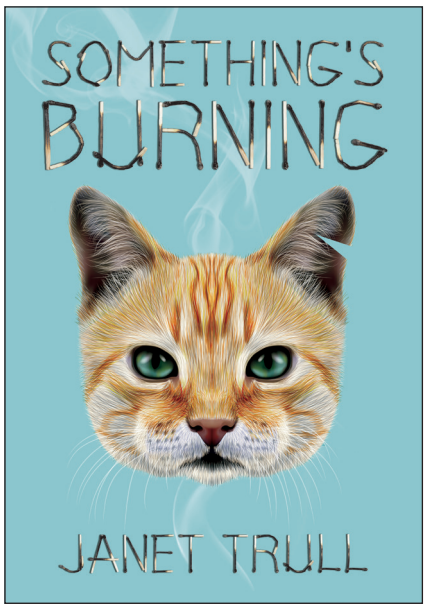
LAURIE JONES
Rails End Gallery

Janet Trull will be presenting her new collection of short ficition, called Something's Burning, at Rails End Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 12. /Photo submitted

Rails End Gallery is delighted to have Janet Trull present her new collection of short fiction about betrayal and belonging in times of social upheaval – *Something's Burning* at the gallery Saturday, Nov. 12. Gallery-goers may recognize Janet as the delightful painter with the bright coloured palette whose small acrylics reflect her positive outlook; or as a regular contributor to *The Echo* and *County Life* and other publications. She wears many hats. *Something's Burning* is Trull's second collection of short stories. It's already been recommended by CBC 2022 Fall Reads. It will be a treat to meet this local author who has already received kudos for her stories of life in small town Ontario.

Rails End Gallery will hold the Haliburton launch between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 with book-signing, conversation and refreshments. Janet will give a presentation at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Learn more about Janet Trull's writing and read some of her published essays on her website: trullstories.com. *Something's Burning* will be available at Rails End Gallery Shop in November 2023 and is published by At Bay Press.



Great attendance made for diverse views as the group delved into the meaning of the word "intersection" at Rails End Gallery's first session of their Tea and Conversation event. /Photo submitted by Laurie Jones

Socializing with a purpose

LAURIE JONES
Rails End Gallery

Tea and Conversation – Socializing with a Purpose is the second presentation at Rails End Gallery exploring the theme of its upcoming Salon Exhibition. It will be held Friday, Dec. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gallery. Discussion will focus on things like:

What is your working process? How do you gather ideas?

Participants at the first session found the afternoon to be a chance to support and encourage one another as they oriented themselves in preparation for individual work. Often, one tiny idea can spark more diverse creative ideas, until they freely bubble up in a rush of originality. The second session is a chance to "stir the pot" and see "what's cooking."All welcome.

Learn more and see the call for entry for the 2023 Annual Salon Exhibition at www.railsendgallery.com/exhibitions.

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Schedules are subject to change without notice, so contact each Legion for updates.

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Saturday: 2 to 6 p.m. Meat Draw 3 to 6 p.m
Sunday: LA Breakfast 9 to 11a.m.
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A blue spotted salamader rests in the cool grass. /Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

A fisher finds that a leftover Halloween pumpkin makes for a good snack. /Photo submitted by Tammy Nash

A doe stands alert among golden foliage. /Photo submitted by Michael Rayias

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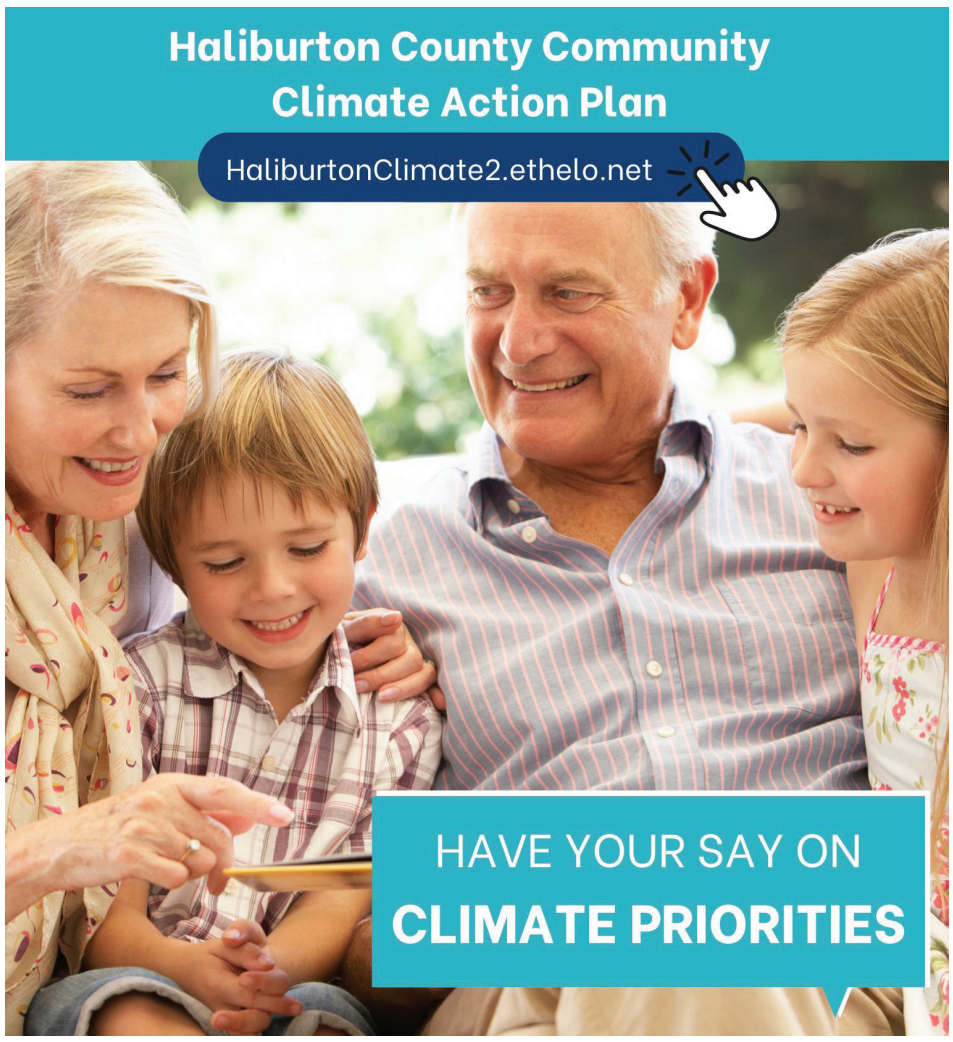

A red tail hawk perches on wires along Little Bob Lake Road. /Photo submitted by Ray Kidon

A stealthy beaver swims around its pond among fallen leaves. /Photo submitted by Tammy Nash

A family of swans were spotted taking a rest at the beach at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Sunday, Oct. 30 before making their way south. /Photo by John Cowan

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"Nice car, Gail. Have you driven it?"

"No. He says I need a tutorial," I laughed.

Months go by. No tutorial yet.

August: I got the tutorial. Too funny. I know I don't need a tutorial. Okay, there are a lot of bells and whistles on this car. It didn't hurt to have a tutorial.

October: Back surgery. Downtown Toronto. I will be the one driving him home. "Of course, I am fine to drive the car! Don't be ridiculous."

(Oh my! I am nervous and worried about this. I can't do underground parking. Bad memories. Rotten experience: thump, bump. Oh, not again: bang, bump. I backed my new jeep into a wall in an underground parking lot, several times).

Thank goodness for Winchester. Winchester works at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto. He brings my car up from the underground parking, and I am off to pick up Peter at the hospital. Except, I have checked out at the hotel at the check out time of 11 a.m., and Peter's checkout is sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Oh, did I mention that there is no parking at the Sunnybrook Holland Hospital on Wellesley Street. It is raining. There's the construction; there›s no left turn onto Yonge Street; and, the people: just so many people. Help! I miss Haliburton.

Another, "thank goodness!" This time, for Apple Car Play maps. I am good. I pull into the hospital pick up. I can't stay here. I need to park somewhere. I make a left turn and and make the traffic stop for me. (You go girl, I think to myself). I park in the underground parking across the street.

Underground parking lots have a place where you take a ticket as you drive in. Not this one. There is a large garage door and I think, "Oh, this is not a good idea." It is too late, and I am committed. As I approach the door, it magically opens. I know, it's technology, not magic, but it seems pretty ominous to me, like black magic! I look around the first level. No spots here. I must go down, down to find a space. I pause to think about this, not that thinking is going to help.

Honk. There is a car behind me also thinking that my pause is quite useless. Honk. I miss Haliburton! Yes, that is ridiculous too. There are no underground parking lots in Haliburton. So, I go down to the next level. Not too busy; available spots and what to my wondrous eyes does appear: a wheelchair spot just perfect and near! Merry Christmas! I have to get close to the wall in front and the pillar on the drivers' side. Our car is long. Bells and Whistles. Real bells and whistles are beeps and flashing lights that tell me I am too close. I am done, and it is good. I think I might even be able to back out of this spot, or maybe not. I see the "thing" where you get a parking ticket. It is strange to me, and it doesn't seem to work. I will worry about that later.

I have to say, I am feeling pretty proud of myself. I laugh. I›m proud of parking in an underground parking garage. Who'd have thought it would come to this!

My footsteps are light as I make my way through the hospital to Peter's room. He is surprised to see me. Less stress for me, and maybe for him too, to not tell him that I was on my way to get him. Peter is feeling great; maybe too great for the day after surgery? I think it must be those pain meds, but he tells me he hasn't had any, just extra strength Tylenol. My selfish brain goes into overdrive. No pain meds, feeling great… could it be that he can drive the car out of the underground parking lot? And, oh yes, I am grateful that he is doing so well. Soon, he is ready to leave, and a nurse wheelchairs him done to the front entrance of the hospital.

"Where is your car?"

"Across the street in the underground parking lot?"

With a somewhat quizzical look as Peter steps out of wheelchair, she responds, "Oh well my responsibility is to get him out the front door."

That works. I take Peter's arm and we walk across the street to our car. Yes! He says he is fine to drive the car out of the underground and will get us to the Don Valley Parkway. But first, that darn parking ticket machine. It is still not working properly and won't accept my credit card or let me finish the process. No ticket. And again, what to my wondrous eyes does appear, but a lovely young woman so helpful and near!

"Could you please help us with this?"

"Of course."

And, now I am not missing so Haliburton so much!

"Oh it doesn't work too well. You have to fiddle or bang on it." She does just that. "You have to put in how long you plan to stay."

"We're leaving now."

"Oh, in that case, don't worry about getting a ticket, just go."

"Just go? Will we get out? Will the door open?"

"Yes, just go, you'll be fine."

Peter is driving, and the door opens, and we are on our way home.

We get to the Don Valley, and he says he is fine and wants to keep driving. I let him. Okay, I probably shouldn't have let him. I am not perfect. He drives for some time before he surrenders the wheel to me. Well, let's be honest, he drives all the way to Highway 48, and the whole time, I am a nervous wreck. What if he faints? What the heck am I doing letting him drive? What a terrible wife I am. I make him keep talking the whole time, and I keep asking him how he is feeling. I am still a wreck.

Finally, I am driving, and it feels great. I love driving on the country highways and roads. I drive us to the drug store in town to get his prescription of pain meds, just in case he should need them. The next day, I drive to the grocery store, and a few days later, I drive to a friend's. I am a driver once again. I am sure, well, pretty sure, that I can even drive in the city. I am confident. I will not, however, ever park in an underground parking garage. Well, I hope not!

Bright branches

golden tamarack tree stands out in front of changing maple trees. /Photo submitted by Michael Rayias

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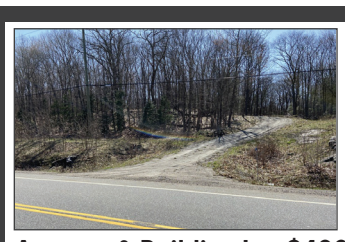

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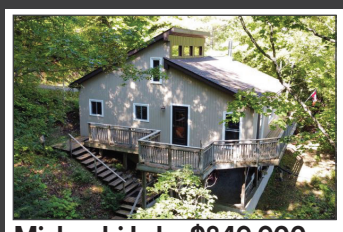

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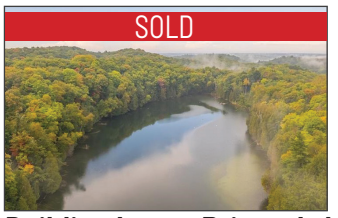

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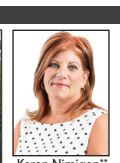

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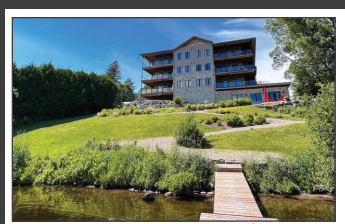

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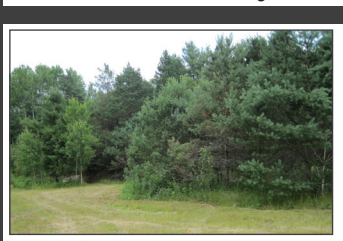

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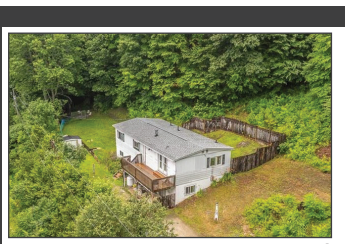

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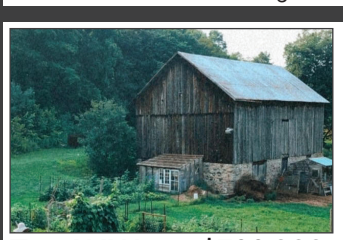

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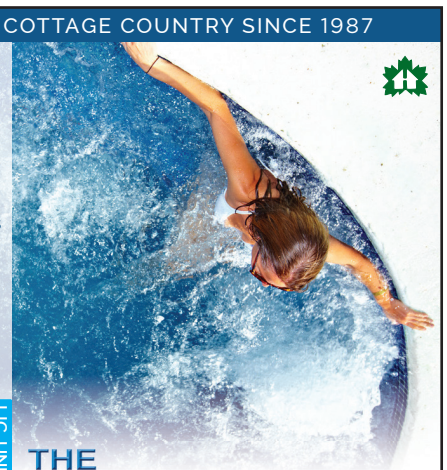

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The girls got game

Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks celebrate the first goal, the eventual game-winner, by McKenzie Hill, left, who got mobbed by teammates Ali Hicks, Sandy Griffith and Brigitta Hicks, during a game against the St. Peter's Secondary School Saints in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final hosted by Haliburton at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field on Thursday, Oct. 27. See story on page 22.

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A look at baking the perfect apple pie

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Hatchery fishes for county cash

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is asking the county to continue to help support the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

Members Bob Cole and Mike Johnson visited county councillors at their Oct. 26 meeting.

This year marks the end of a four-year funding agreement with the county under which it gave the association $20,000 per annum towards the operation of the hatchery.

The idea was that through its tours and various fundraising activities, the hatchery would become financially self-sufficient.

However, as Johnson reported to councillors, the association is currently running a deficit of nearly $27,000, with a financial overview of the last year showing total revenue at just more than $94,000 and total expenses at nearly $122,000.

The hatchery produces tens of thousands of fish, mostly trout, each year.

In 2010, it stocked lakes with some 40,000 fish. Ninety-five per cent of the fish coming out of the hatchery are put back into county lakes.

"I don't think we really understand just how many fish you are putting in our lakes," county warden Murray Fearrey told Cole and Johnson, suggesting that a detailed breakdown in the future might help council to better appreciate the hatchery's activities.

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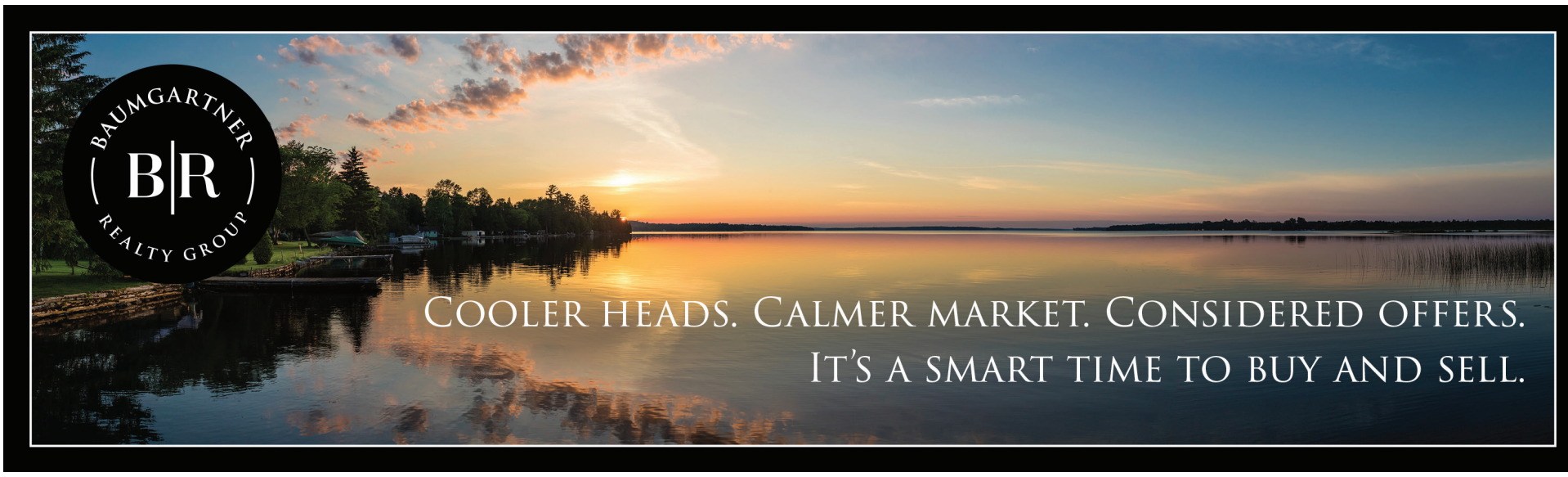

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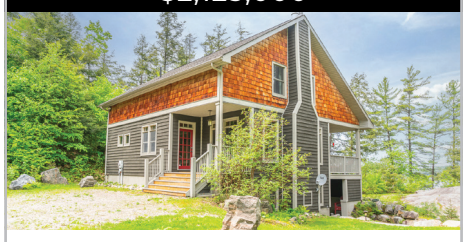

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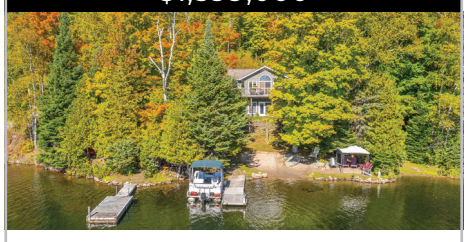

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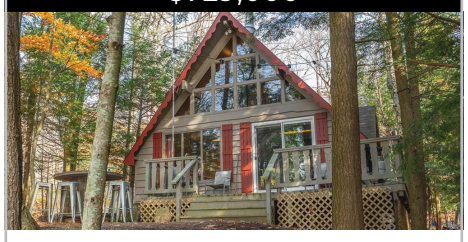

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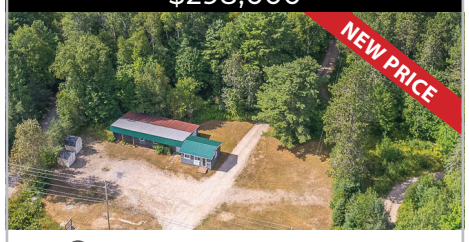

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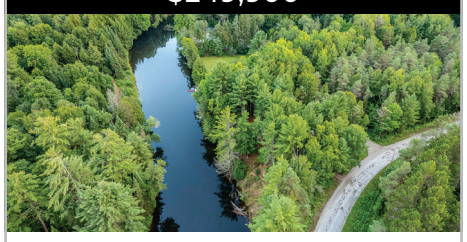

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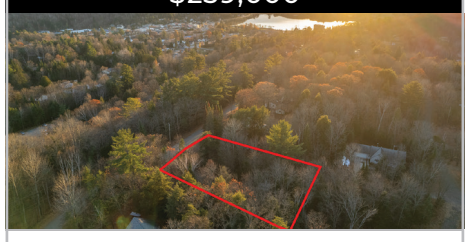

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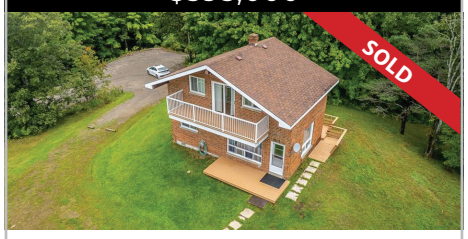

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